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REMARKS

In the October 31, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-6 and 12 were pending in the application; rejected claims 1-4 and 12 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003/0031126 by Mayweather et al. and objected to claims 5 and 6 as reciting allowable subject matter, but dependent upon a rejected claim.

Claims 1-4 and 12 have been canceled and claim 5 has been amended to form an independent claim by incorporating the limitations of claim 2 from which it depended. Thus, the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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